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# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Ser. No.: 09/724,330	Filed: November 29, 2000	Examiner: Jingge Wu
Art Unit: 2624	Title: <b>A RATE-DISTORTION OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMAGE COMPRESSION</b>	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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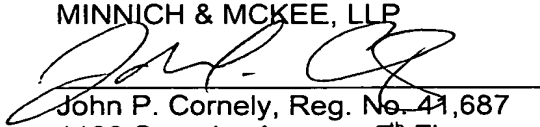
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Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: August 24, 2004

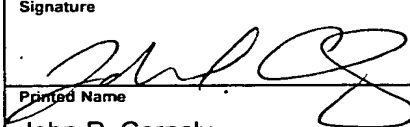
  
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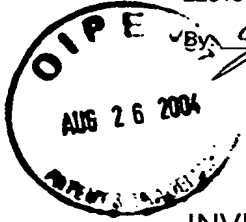
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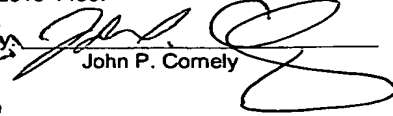
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**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.